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Undoing the Mischief of the Tower of Babel.

William Archer, in an article in the *Pall Mall Magazine*, on "America and the English Language" says that the English language "is a living organism, ceaselessly busied, like any other organism, in the processes of assimilation and excretion. It has before it, we may fairly hope, a future still greater than its glorious past. And the greatness of that future will greatly depend on the harmonious interplay of spiritual forces throughout the American Republic and the British Empire. The Anglo-Saxon race has done, and is doing, more than any other people to undo the mischief wrought at the Tower of Babel, and unless its sister commonwealths act towards each other with inconceivable and unpardonable folly, it will doubtless find in this fact its glory and its strength. What we want, and what I believe we are gradually attaining, is not political reunion or formal alliance, but simply a realization that each is indispensable, if not to the prosperity, at least to the greatness of the other. We want, not so much a "union of hearts," as a union of imaginations. An idea, an attitude of mind, is stronger than all the treaties ever signed, sealed and delivered. And we may perhaps indicate, however roughly and inadequately, the idea which is growing on both sides of the Atlantic, if we say that America requires England to complete her past, and England requires America to crown her future."

Take Down the Constitution.

The *Boston Transcript* gives the following comment on the purposes of "inflated and expanded Americans":

"It is very fitting, in view of what the peace commissioners, acting under instructions from Washington, have cut out for us, that we apply the counsel of Captain Cuttle, with variations: 'Take down the constitution; look for the fourteenth amendment, and when found make a note of it.' It will there be found that 'all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States.' The first baby born in the Philippines, therefore, after the proposed treaty goes into effect, should that be our fate, be it Malay, Chinese or dwarf pickaninny of the Negritos, will be a birthright citizen of this great, glorious and absorptive imperi-

al republic. Referring to this phase of the situation, Senator Hoar said in his Worcester speech: 'If the Philippine Islands become ours, then under the late decision of the Supreme Court, every child born hereafter in them, becomes an American citizen, free to come, free to go.' Mr. Hoar is a pretty good constitutional lawyer and with the Supreme Court behind him his position seems impregnable. So the Filipinos and others in the archipelago cannot be kept "subject races" beyond the present generation, unless we change our constitution, which seems to be a decided misfit for the new conditions upon which we propose to enter. But the change in the constitution should come first. If we can violate its provisions, what is there that we cannot violate? To a true American that has seemed the most binding law in the history of mankind. But those who boast themselves 'big'

Americans, inflated and expanded Americans, seem at present to prefer license to law."

Lord Salisbury, in his Guildhall speech, gave it as his judgment that the appearance of the United States as a "world-power" in the East means war and not peace.

Congressman McCall of Massachusetts, one of the ablest men in the House, declares that the step proposed to be taken by the Administration in annexing the Philippines can be compared to "nothing less than hurling a planet from its orbit."

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland, Me., at the recent convention of the W. C. T. U. at Minneapolis, was elected Frances E. Willard's successor as president of that organization. Mrs. Stevens is, as Miss Willard was, a strong friend of peace, and one of the Vice-presidents of the American Peace Society.

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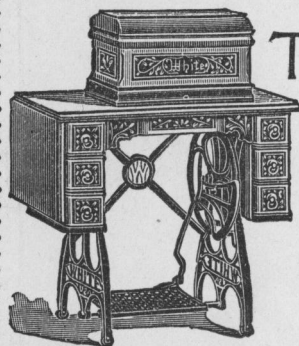
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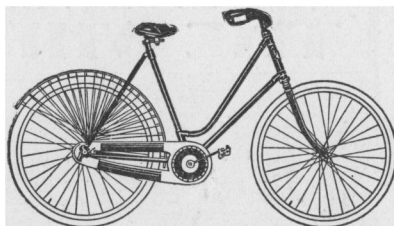
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